Pays Interest

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The weary toiler who longs for rest, Brave youth and manked proud; I am a ferryman, old and gray.

And the river is deep and wide:

And whose er crosses by night or by day The erring one with his sins confessed The sinless babe on the mother's breast Can never return, but forever and aye And the mother with sorrow bowed. Must remain on the other side.

The waters are cold; and the current is swift, And the mists hang heavy and chill; And backward and forward they slowly drift, With never a break, and they never lift, Though they seem to be never still.

death,
And naught can he take away:
Naked was he when it first drow breath,
and naked will be when he goes with Death
On his sile;, mysterious way. long.
But my boat is staunch and true;
And the waves are rough, but my arm is

> Must all cross the river of Death with me To enter that unknown land. -Dr. John A. Gilbert, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BY FRANCIS KIMBALL.

When the colonel of the -th cavalry summoned Captain Burden to regimental head narters, some one at the officers' mess asked who he was, anyere, for a consultation. "Nephew, or something, to a sena-

strong, And safely I ferry the ghostly throng

All are equal who cross with me,

The maid and her lady fair.

Vassal and king and bond and free, Pensant and noble of high degree,

tor," growled a grizzled lieutenant, war. who had seen 20 years of service and was jealous of the -th's reputation. "Fresh from a desk in the war department, but all-fired anxious to smell

"Ought to join the rough riders," added another; "they'll be in the fight | He will reach the Spaniards sooner morrow; th -th's too full already, there." and here's the old man asking him to suppor before he's seen a week of ser-

"Tut!" interposed the regimental surgeon; "Burden's not a greenhorn, of steel told the three Americans that and the colonel knows it. Reckon you don't know what sent him out of washington into this fever-stricken darkness. Captain Burden painsed climate; do you think a doughboy'd join the fighting -th?"

"Come," said the adjutant, locking arms with the surgeon, for he saw the latter had something on his mind, and he, too, was curious about Captain Burden. "Let's go outside and leave the fellows to their growling;" then, salute. when they had passed beyond the steadily, though he must have known fires of the mess tent, "What was he ran against the very muzzles of

On the morning of July 3, after the charge on El Caney, an orderly halted before the quarters of the fighting

plied he to the sentry's query, 'franked at the war department, an' from a lady. I reckon he won't want to Wait for it.'

The colonel included aside the tent flap. "Streeon," said he, "turning to the efficer who followed him, "tell that Tellow Captain Burden's dead, killed in an ambuscade. And, surgeon, you'd better take the letter and forward it to Washington,"-Washington Star.

PEARLS IN MAINE WOODS.

Found in Mussels-and an Invalid R! ode Henry Spears, an invalid from Paw-tucket, R. I., who passes most of his time in the Maine forests, going from place to place with guides and canoes, has gathered and sold nearly \$800 worth of pearls from fresh water mussels during the past season: He went to Grindstone, states the Sun, in May soon after the lakes opened: When he had fished for trout in Moosehead lake for a time he went across the watershed and floated down the Allegash toward New Brunswick. When beyond Chamberlain lake, and 100 miles from the nearest settlement, he had a hemorrhage which compelled the party to lay by for a month.

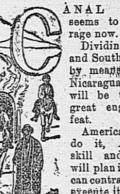
One day when the food supply was

growing scarce Mr. Spears's guides went up stream to cut some hard wood for fuel. Coming down in the sence and towing the wood and limby behind them, they passed through half a mile of quick water that flowed over a stony bed, and on arriving at camp they found a large number of mussels were attached to the limbs which had rubbed against the bed of the stream. At the request of Mr. Spears, some of these mollusks were opened and prepared for supper. Before the guides had shucked a pint they had discovered three pearls, one of which was as big as a seven shot. They found five other pearls in the shells which had come down attached to the brush. From that time until Mr. Spears was able to travel the guides devoted their energies to pearl hunting. When Mr. Spears and his men arrived at Caribon the pearls were sent by express to Boston, and ten days later a check for \$350 was received. They visited the place again in September, and in five days had found a quantity of pearls

obtained are the long, dark-

## THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Scenes Along the Proposed Waterway to Divide North and South America.

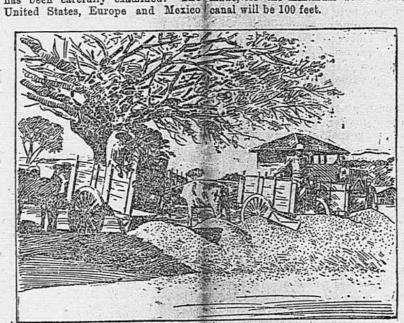


Pacific.

Since 1826, when the first party of

American engineers penetrated the summit of the rock will be higher tropical wilderness of Nicaragua, every than the top of her mainmast. An expart of the country south of Mexico cavation over 125 feet wide must be has been carefully examined. The made, for the minimum width of the

ANAL building any point, and varies from twelve to seems to be the fifty and sixty feet in depth. But at one point of the river, and only a few Dividing North miles from the Atlantic coast, an and South America | earthquake or some other convulsion; by means of the possibly a thousand years back, throw Nicaragua Canal up a barrier of rock, which must be will be the next cut or rather blown out in order to algreat engineering low the passage of large steamships. To take away this rock and to build Americans will looks and dams to support the walls of do it, American water to the required depth are the skill and ability great engineering feats of the Nicawill plan it, Ameri- ragua Canal. Tons of the most powercan contractors will ful explosives must be used. Holes execute it with the must be drilled in such a manuer that machinery. It is now universally ad the force of the explosives with which mitted that a short cut must be made the portion of the channel to be excafor ships between the Atlantic and the vated. Some of the blasts will contain



A COFFEE PLANTATION BORDERING ON THE CANAL.

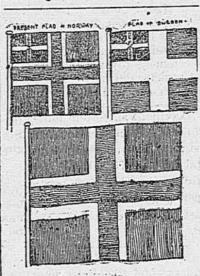
problem has been studied and as

have been interested. Elaborate maps Two great dams will be needed to have been made, volumes of scientific maintain the water ways at a proper and yellow in the upper left-hand cordata compiled and every engineering level. These are termed the Ochoa ner and a Greek cross of yellow in the

Though there are some large holdings; the majority do not average over twenty acres.

DOES IT MEAN SEPARATION? A Stir Caused by an Act of the Norwegian

A great stir has been caused in Norway and Sweden by the recent acion of the Storthing at Christians in the matter of the Norwegian flag. The Storthing has voted that hereafter



THE LARGE FLAG IS THE FROPOSED FLAG OF NORWAY.

Norway's banner shall float without a jack-the symbol of the union with Sweden. Some say that should King Oscar veto the resolution two more the new flag will come into immediate use: Since 1844 the closest relations have been maintained between Norway and Sweden: At that time the sold at this age that have good blood flag of each nation was changed so that will frequently sell for three to five the jack in the upper left-hand corner combined the colors of the other nation. For several years past, how- them for the market. One must figure ever, there has been a growing feeling of discontent in Norway concerning the close relations of the two powers. This dissatisfaction King Oscar has striven to assuage. The two countries have entirely separate and herd, and they should be raised so as distinct governments, but are ruled by to come up to the three or four hunthe same king, Oscar of Sweden. Each country has its own parliament, which passes laws for its respective country. All laws are subject to the approval or disapproval of the king. The flag of Norway, with the jack

left out, will be four red corners, with a Greek cross of blue through the center. The Swedish flag has four blue corners, with a jack of red; blue

chose so strange an attitude. T

answer was, "To look in the glass

the friend. "Bless me!" exclaimed

Burrowes, "I did not notice that

before." Then, ringing the bell, he

called the servant and questioned him

respecting the looking-glass which

had been hanging on the wall. "Oh,

sir;" said the servant; "it was broken

six weeks ago:" A certain learned

professor at Cambridge is a very

absent-minded man. A friend of his

had been seriously ill. When he was

send him jellies and other delicacies,

One day he took him a fine bunch of

hothouse grapes. The old friends

were very pleased to see each other,

and were soon deep in a discussion.

The professor, becoming interested,

began absent-mindedly nicking the

grapes, taking one at a time till they

were all gone. On going out of the door he called back to his friend,

"Why; there is no glass there,"

HORSES AND MULES. Now Is the Title for the Breeder to Kaise

Them Profitably Now that the bicycle is undoubtedly on the wane, and the true standing of the horse can be measured without prejudice, it is quite evident to all that there will be money in faising these animals for the future, writes E. P. Smith in the Michigan Farmer. The days of the horse's usefulness have not passed for good. On the contrary we will probably see a gradual revival of the animal's popularity; especially for pleasure driving. A great many disposed of their horses to take to wheeling because of the novelty of the fad, and they are now returning to

their first love again. There is a better demand now in the cities for good horses. Poor horses will never more be needed. Neither will small horses be needed. Moderate or large-sized horses are the best, and they should be raised either for their speed or their strength. Weight and strength combined with slowness in draft horses will not do. Medium heavyweight draft horses that have a brisk walk and a good tret, sell in any market for sums ranging from \$150 upward. This is an age of speed, and the slow business horse is ruled out. Well-matched pairs of horses that are good drivers, and crossed with French coach horses; frequently sell for \$1000 to \$1200 per pair. Horses of this class are needed for private stables, and they must combine several good qualities medium weight, moderate speed, decility of temper, and good appearance it's diets must pass upon the matter be- harness. Style and speed without too fore it ean go into effect; others that much mettle are the chief require-

menis. Now horses can be raised from colts to three-year-olds for \$50, and horses times that amount. Colts have little demand, and it does not pay to raise upon holding them total a good markatable age. In New York a horse is not much good before it is sixyears of age. But horses intended for that market should be the cream of the dred dollar standard.

Besides horses, mules are good animals to raise on the farm, and many farmers prefer to breed them to horses, finding, as they claim, more money in the work. The recent demand for mules by the United States government for the Spanish war showed how few mules were really in existence in the country. Now there will be an increasing demand for Porto Rico and Cuba in the next few years, and there bly be more money than

iis business. These cerht to be two

WHEN ONE IS YOUNG-

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When one is young what matters eare?
For youth has mirth and joy to spare.
The future is a blazing fire
That lights the pathway of desire,
And doing's but a name for are.

What smiling masks the grim fates wear, How amiable and debonair The best seems easy to acquire When one is young.

Youth is a multi-millionaire
Who fattens on the best of fare:
Whom all delights and naught can the;
Who treats the world as his empire. Who treats the world as ...

But old age sets its fatal snare

When one is young.

-Chicago Record.

HUMOROUS.

"And why did she choose him among so many?" "The others did not propose." Teller-The cashier has skipped.

President-I've been afraid that that sellow would get ahead of me. "What makes you admire Miss Jessup so much?" "I tried to make love

to her and she wouldn't let me." Fond Mamma-Bobby, Bobby, whatever makes you so restless? Bobby -Having to keep still so much, I suppose.

Don't you know me, Willie? I am your father's uncle." "Are you the man pa goes to when he's short of money?

The Sweet Young Thing-But why should not women enter politics? The Savage Bachelor-Too many bosses there now.

Armstrong-Shortson claims to be self-made man. Conklin-H'm, looks as if he ran out of material, loesn't he?

The tramp sat on the farmer's fense, And made a happy sigh; His life seemed full of rosy tints, For he was full of pie.

Bill-What kind of whiskers ought butchers to wear, Jack? Jack-Blowed if I know. Bill-Why, mutton chops, of course.

He told her that it was impossible to find words to tell her how much he loved her. The next day he received a present of a dictionary.

"She has such liquid tones," said the young man. "How appropriate!" said the young woman. drowns every other sound." First Tramp—I hear they are build-ing a new jail with all modern im-provements. Second Tramp—That

won't do us no good. You'll need a pull to get in there. "Since this percals gown supplies me with rations for two days, I sup-

pose it is what is termed a rational costume," remarked the goat, chuckling coarsely to himself. "Poor Maud! She was cruelly de-

saived when she married old Cotrox " hila thebases r money?" of ill but she has learned that ye a

den has an income anu-

poor fellows to do the fighting?" wouldn't take much guessing," re- clothes and lacerated their bodies. plied the surgeon, "for if you'd been Corporal Joyce lamented the fate there you'd have known Miss Rand she played Burden to throw him Burden moved forward as one bereft of over for a doughboy, so all Washing- feeling. He had become a machine, a ton was on to it and felt sorry for the thing devoid of sense and feeling, a captain and didn't wonder when he human sounding board waiting to threw up a fat position in the depart- catch a rifle crack from El Caney. ment and petitioned the secretary for

active service." adjutant, "enlisted for all time in the the noise made by the passage of new captain's behalf. Stayed in Wash- their bodies through the brush were ington with the reserves and-"

the wise-heads up there. He enlisted and fourth and fifth. Corporal Joyce in the regulars and lit out for Santiago unconsciously clutched his officer's along with Burden, though I reckon they didn't come together.' "What's his name?" asked the ad-

The surgeon fumbled for the letter,

glancing over it by the light of a neighboring lantern. "Hardey," said he shortly, "and, by thunder, he's in shots; an appeal for help, and the voice the -th! What if he and Burden | was Hardey's. come together?"

In the meantime Captain Burden, unconscious of the effect the summons officers, stood before the commander of the regiment at headquarters.

"Captain Burden," said the latter. noting with a practised eye the slender figure of the young officer, "you come to the -th highly recommended for coolness and courage. Tomorrow we attack El Caney; I have been ordered to call for volunteers to do a little scouting. Will you lead the party?" "Thank you," said Burden, simply;

"it will be an honor, I---" The colonel removed his eyeglasses. "Young man," said he, seriously, "the bush is full of Spaniards; you may be killed or seriously wounded; every

caution will be required." "I will do my best, sir," replied Captain Burden; "is the start to be

The colonel wheeled around on his camp stool. "Orderly," said he, sharply, "tell Captain Clark that I wish a volunteer of two good men from his company to undertake a dangerous errand near the enemy's lines. You will skirt the base of El Caney, making | you.' a detour to the north. It is unneces sarv to sav the volunteers will be under

orders from you and are to be governed by your judgment." Five minutes later the tramp of approaching men was beard, and two cavalrymen entered the commander's presence. Captain Burden, noting them critically, started; the sharp tones

of the colonel rang in his ears: "Corporal Joyce and Private Hardey, you are under orders to 'proceed according to Captain Burden's direction on a reconnoissance into the

enemy's lines. That will do.' Burden returned the men's salute mechanically. The presence of John Hardey filled him with conflicting emotions. He had fled from Washing ton hoping to drown in the excitement of an aggressive campaign the sorrow which this man had brought upon him. Had it not been for Hardeyhe clinched his hands until the nails bit into the flesh. "What now?" an evil spirit whispered. "He is in your power; you may order him whither Ouban bush tells no tales."

"Then what the deuce? Why didn't | A minute passes he stay in Washington and leave us secreed as many hours. The heat and

blackness of the brush stifled the "If you'd been in Washington it Americans, the sharp thorns tore their which had sent him to Cuba. Captain Suddenly the buzz of insects, the

crunching of the dry leaves and twigs 'And the doughboy," grunted the under the feet of the moving men, drowned by the echoing report of a Not much, and that's what puzzles | Mauser rifle; then another, a third arm. "God!" he whispered, "they've riddled him, an' a braver fellow never wore a sabre."

Captain Burden staggered as though the bullets from the Mausers had pierced his body. A cry sounded in the stillness following the echo of the

For an instant Burden wavered. then, before the corporal could restrain him, dashed through the matted chapfrom the colonel had upon his brother paral to the slope of El Caney, upon whose summit danced a hundred Spanish torches awakened into life by the fire of the sentinels. With Joyce panting at his heels, he

pushed forward, drawing his revolver as he ran and shouting aloud to Hardev to answer him, that he might gain the private's side in the dark-Breaking through the bush, he came

upon an open space unsheltered from the Spanish guns above, to stumble over Hardey, who, resting on one ellow, was keeping off five white-clothed figures with his revolver. Perhaps the Spaniards feared an

attack from the entire American army. At sight of Burden and the corporal they wavered, forgetting the Mausers in their hands, that they were five to three with one of the latter sorely crippled. "Corporal," said Burden, sharply,

noting with quick perception the confusion of the Spaniards, "to the rear with Private Hardey. I will cover A flash of admiration filled the cor-

poral's eyes. "God, sir!" he muttered, "they'll shoot you like a dog; "To the rear, sir!" shouted Captain

Burden; "he's light and-" Then, as the bulky corporal lifted the wounded cavalryman, slinging him across his shoulder like a bag of meal, Burden faced the astonished Span-"No," cried Hardey, struggling in

the arms which would bear him in safety; "stop, for God's sake, corporal!" Then, in an appeal of agony: 'Save yourself, Burden: she will not marry me, it's you -The sharp crack of the captain's revolver cut short the sentence. "Run!"

he shouted; "I'll hold them off." Four times the revolver cracked ere the Spaniards, realizing 'twas but one man who confronted them raised their Corporal Joyce, tearing through the

Taxes on beards are levied in Japanese cities. Coins 2000 years old are in circu-

ation in China. Fowls are plucked alive in Malta, in the public markets, and in some parts of England. Hogs are fattened on oranges in

Paraguay, and orange-fed pork is said to be very good. Bamboo pens still retain their hold in India, where they have been in use

for more than 1000 years. In Hungary there are thousands of villages and hundreds of small towns without a doctor within ten miles,

In the Franco-German war every third German soldier had a map of the country through which he was traveling. A medical authority in Berlin, Ger-

many, declares that not one of Germany's professional bicyclists has a Originally the custom of raising the

hat was a sign of submission, implying that the person uncovered placed himself at the mercy of his foc. The town clock in the city hall of Kokomo, Ind., got out of order, recently, and William Brinkman, a blind

man, was called upon to repair it. He

climbed to the tower, at a height of

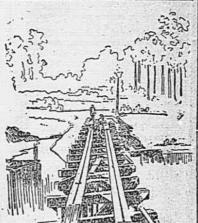
185 feet, and deftly performed the

Harold Frederic's self confidence and power of dominating strangers stood him in good stead in one of his first visits-if not his very first visitto Berlin. The incident as he related it seemed natural enough to an American not brought up in the awe of a military caste, but to those who knew Germany it was almost surprising that he came through it with his life. He had been paying some formal diplomatic calls and in the evening dropped in at the Cafe Bauer in the unwonted glory of a frock coat and a tall silk hat. This hat was carefully hung on a hatstand and Frederic sat down to read an English newspaper just arrived. Enter a particularly fine specimen of the lieutenent, booted and spurred and sworded and epauletted. He brushed against the hatstand, knocked Frederic's hat over into the sawdust, and swaggered to his seat without as much as looking around. The slight to the hat was more than

Frederic could endure. In a towering passion he went to the lientenant, stood over him and pointed to the object on the floor. 'Pick up that hat, sir," he roared. The officer stared amazed, the waiters were paralyzed with terror at hearing one so much more than human so addressed by a civilian. "Pick up that hat," repeated Frederic in a tone more menacing than before. And the lientenant did what he was told. He was as irresistibly dominated by the courage and force of the man as a schoolboy before his master; or per haps he thought Frederic carried the on 'omary West American revolver .-Saturday Review.

chapparal, heard the whiplike crack from illness averages 20,000,000 weeks of the dreaded Mausers, then once of work in the year, or 2 1-2 per cent. you will, even to death by Spanish more the sharp report of the captain's of the work done by the whole popusave for the grouning of Private Hare | years of age.

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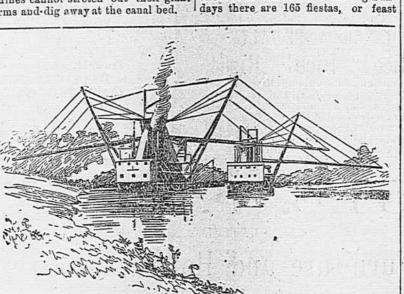
miles of the Atlantic Ocean. The total length of navigation is 1691 miles; there will be three lift locks at each end of the summit level.

termed, that is, the highest point of the canal, involves another engineering problem, on which many years of study have been spent by some of the

The decision reached by most of the engineers has been a system of locks. The plans provide for three on one side of the summit level and three on the other. The highest will raise a vessel. forty-five feet, and the lowest will raise convalescent the professor used to her between twenty and twenty-five feet. They are to be 650 feet long, eighty feet wide and thirty feet deep. The St. Louis or St. Paul, for instance, could easily be accommodated in them.

The canal will be less than thirty feet deep and 100 feet wide on the bottom. The locks will be constructed of the largest blocks of stone and concrete ever used for this purpose, and will be closed by gates of steel, beside which the largest lock gates in

The greatest industry in Nicaragua is coffee culture. The one drawback to the business and to all enterprises away loose rock, sand and mud and in Nicaragua, is the want, not only of force it through pipes some two or labor, but of the proper kind of labor. three miles away. For many miles A gentleman who is engaged in the machines must scrape out the bed of coffee industry said recently that his the river and lakes along the line of laborers would get drunk on Sunday. the canal. Some of these great dredges take all day Monday to sober up, come would dig out from 6000 to 8000 cubic to work on Tuesday and continue yards of material every twenty-four working until Friday or Saturday, hours. Thousands of men must work | when they would lay off again, so that with picks and shovels where the ma- the mozo of the country labors about chines cannot stretch out their giant one-half of the time. Counting Sun-



The reason the Nicaragua route is days in Nicaragua, during which time Pacific in the distance.

the best one is that a water way has the mozo "toils not, neither doth he The Department of Matagalpa is

to a pound and a half of coffee, in formed by the San Juan River and to four pounds. A number of Ameri-Lake Nicaragua, of which it is an out- cans are engaged in the coffee indus-

perpetuality. Last month I higned for my work, therefore I have a duty to do make my responsibile for a year, but for the sake of I could not understand English language, I could not give you even a satisfaction and moreover I would often trouble my friends, by this I have many sorrow. If I must bear with patience this work for a year, I must take a sick surely. I have to do much thing for my native country. Though you will refuse my wish I will never free away because I believe a God and have many honor. But my Honorable Offers please excuse me rywork and give me a free.' It is pleasant to be able to add that he did not have to take a sick, for he got his free.-New York Commercial Ad-

The Guest and the Ice-Pudding.

concerning an occasion on which Lord Rosebery was entertaining a large party, among others a farmer who tasted ice-pudding for the first time. Thinking that something had gone wrong in the kitchen, and desiring to save his fellow-guests the pain of his own experience, he whispered to his host that the pudding by some mischance had got frozen. His Lordship listened gravely, without moving a muscle of his face, tasted the pudding, thanked the farmer, and then called a servant. After some little conversation, he turned to the farmer with a relieved expression, and said: "It's all right, Mr. ---. me it's a new kind of pudding, and is frozen on purpose." Thereafter the farmer partook of his portion with

paratus for drying the hair after washing or shampooing, a metallic casing

...er the capture of a small fort by the Japanese and the retreat of such of their enemies as had not been taken prisoners; a healthy looking Chinese baby was found by the victors lying on the ground in their line of march.

of the prisoners, to whom he offered his liberty on condition that he should takë the child to his parents. The captive joyously assented, but the baby raised a noisy objection. He lifted his voice on high and cried so loudly when the attempt was made to take him from his Japanese friend that the latter saw no resource but to

So, holding the baby on his left arm, while he grasped his sabre with the right, Captain Higuchi marched on to the capture of the next fort, receiving meanwhile a bullet through his cap. Now, mind you eat those grapes; The baby looked on wonderingly they will do you all the good in the While the fort was taken in gallant style, and seemed to be quite unmoved

submit.

long as he could fest tipon his captain's shoulder. When the fight was over the captain gave the child to some of his troopers, who bore the little creature to a Chin-

by the dir and uproar of battle so

ese house near by. First Mention of Pins. Pins were first mentioned in an act of Edward IV, which forbade their importation with a view to protecting the home made article in 1463. John Tilney of Bristol first established their manufacture in Gloucester in 1626, and there it flourished for two centuries. These merry lines of Dibden tell us :

'As sure as I've a nose on, In former times had only thorns And skewers to stick their clothes on. No damsel then was worth a pin. Whate're it might have cost her, Till gentle Johnny Tilney Invented pins in Gloucester. It is strange that pins have been made

for only 450 years, while needles have

The ladies, Heaven bless them all,

been used for over forty centuries. -New York World.

Passing of the "Cutaway." The disappearance of the so-called 'cutaway," even from the ready-made shops, relieves us of the painful duty of condemning it as an article unfit for uny use. It was at its best a compromise between the sack coat and the flock coat, and as such it was an impertinence. Either one or the other is proper, and half-way measures do not fit the case. "Cutaways" were neither fish nor-flesh nor good herring. We wish that the . "derby" hat would follow hose obnoxious garments into oblivion, but at present there is apparently to escape from it. The derby is less objectionable with the sack coat than with anything else, but that is all we can say for it .- Providence Journal.

School Time for Children.

A German autior, G. Salomon, has written a treatise in which he reccommends that children should not be sent to school till their seventh year. that in the first year three hours a day should be the matinium of brain wc.k, and that the bodily health should be looked after with pecial

Line willy breese last evening, and I know you hate her. Harriet-Oh, well, what's a kiss? I know where I can get plenty more.

First Volunteer-I hear Bill's fell dead in love with that girl that nursed him. Second Volunteer-Right you are. He got mashed on the beautiful The captain of a division bicked way she always stuck her little finger him up and did his best to administer out when she fixed his bandages. consolation and presently called one Uncle (visiting his student nephew)

-Glad to see you so hard at work, my boy. What are you doing there? Nephew - Chemical experiments, uncle-combining acids with metal. By the way, do you happen to have any nietal about you? British Navat Attache Under Fire,

It was in this fight that a shrapnel shell struck the road within ten inches of the foot of the British naval attache. Captein Paget, and lifted five Wisconsin volunteers off their feet and knocked them down. For a moment Paget was lost to view in a cloud of dust and smoke, from which no one expected to see him reappear alive, but he strode out of it untouched, remarking, in a tone of extreme aunoyance, "There was a shell in the Soudan once did exactly that same thing to me." His fone seemed to suggest that there was a limit to any man's patience. A few minutes later a solitary tree beneath which he was sitting was struck by another shell which killed two and wounded three men. Paget, who had been in a dozen campaigns, took it all as a matter of course and assisted one of the wounded men out of the range of the bullets from the side of a steen and high hill. The signt did more to popularize the Anglo-American alliano with the soldiers than could the weightiest argument of ambassadora or statesmen. - Richard Harding Davis in Scribner's.

Captain Sigsbee's Belief. Captain Sigsbee in his "Personal

Narrative of the Maine," which is one of the leading features in The Century. says: "Before reciting the details immediately connected with the destruction of the Maine, it may be said that I did not expect she would be blown up, either from interior or exterior causes, although precautions were taken in both directions. Nevertheless, I believed that she could be blown up from the outside, provided a sufficient number of persons of evil disposition and with the conveniences at hand, were free to conspire for the purpose. It was necessary to trust the Spanish authorities in great degree for protection from without. I believe that the primary cause of the destruction of the Maine, was an explosion under the bottom of the ship, as reported by the court of inquiry. How it was produced, or whether it was produced by anybody intentionally, I do not know; therefore I lave carefully avoided accusation."

"Somebody loves me," he softly cooed. "And can oo guess who some-

She raised her great gray eyes until their glance rested full upon his beaming countenance.

"Oo," she answered, with all the confidence of a trusting heart, Intuitively aware of the basic sentiment care from the ninth to the tweifth that actuates mankind, - Detroit

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DEATH'S FERRYMAN.

Some on their journey set forth alene, With trembling and anxious fears; Some amid wailing, with sob and moan, And prayers that their lives had never

And heartbreak and bitter tears,

Man brought naught into the world save The heavens are dark, and the course is

So all are equal when Death Sots free, To cross to the distant strand; The king and vassal and bond and free, Whether of lowly or high degree,

The colonel wondered at the paleness upon the face of the young officer as he passed from the tent into the darkness beyond. Could he be way, that the "old man" had picked afraid? He dismissed the thought him from among a dozon old campaign- with a laugh. Captain Burden hadcome to the -th with the highest recommendations from the secretary of

Out beyond the shelter of the camp, Burden led his men straight into the thick, prickly brush. At times he could almost feel Hardey's breath upon his face and hear the voice whispering in his ear: "To the left, to the left!

Ear up the height a dozen tiny lights glimmered in the darkness-the Spanish torches about the blockhouse of El Caney. To the left the faint ring the enemy's sentinels were wide darkness. Captain Burden paused. "Private Hardey," said he, so husk-ily he scarce recognized his own voice,

corporal and I will detour to the right. approaching the slope further on." Hardey's hands came to a quick "Very good, sir!" replied he,

'move cautiously to the left, keeping

well in the shadow of the bush; the

dey and the rustle of the parting

. "A letter for Captain Burden," ro-

that sold for \$430. The mussels from which the pearls

For miles huge machines must dig

travel a waterway over 150 | lace to the wait, and asked him why ..., reaching miles long, on which the fall is but within three and one-half miles of the four feet of the entire length. To Pacific and twelve and three-quarter reach the summit level, as this is most noted experts in the world

the world will seem as pigmies.

arms and-dig away at the canal bed. days there are 165 fiestas, or feast

BIG DREDGES AT WORK ON THE ENTRANCE TO THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

been found that requires canal dig- spin." ging for the shortest distance. You can leave the Caribbean Sea in a destined to be a great coffee center at steamer the size of one of our small no far distant day when the great coasters, and can go to a point where | canal is built. There are now about you can reach the Pacific Ocean by 4,000,000 trees under cultivation and walking three hours at a moderate each month the number is largely ingait. It is but twelve miles distant. creased. Persons who claim to have a If your steamer has a mast fifty feet knowledge of the subject state that high, by climbing to the top of this whereas in other parts of Nicaragua mast you can see the blue line of the | the yield per tree is from half a pound The natural part of the canal is Matagalpa the trees produce from two

let. The lake is a basin in the Cen- try, some owning as high as 2000 man- having a heating stove at the bottom tral American Plain, filled with fresh zanas-nearly 4000 acres. These with gir inlet holes, the air being none will know of it, for the revolver. Afterward came silence, lation between afteen and sixty-five water ranging from ten to 240 feet in lands can be purchased from the Gov- drawn to the top of the casing and depth, and is 110 miles in length. Its ernment at the rate of \$1.50 per man- blown through a funnel by means of year, outlet is not less than 400 feet wide at | zana, being about two English acres. | a revolving fau.

A homesick Japanese is as homesick a man as can be. One who acted as

His Plaintive Plea Prevailed.

cook on the Indiana last summer sent in the following pathetic petition for his release: "Excuse me. Honorable Offers. I am always thanking for your kindness, that I could not forget

A story reaches the Scots Pictorial

A New Yorker has patented an ap-